

House Resolution 1078

By: Representative Golick of the 34th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Jim Wooten on the occasion of his retirement; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Wooten has served as the conservative voice for the *Atlanta-Journal*
4 *Constitution* for the past three decades; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of McRae, Georgia, Mr. Wooten is a graduate of the University of
6 Georgia and has dedicated his career to journalism and the news print media; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Wooten worked for newspapers in Athens, Macon, and Atlanta before he
8 joined *U.S. News & World Report* for six years, covering seven Southeastern states; and

9 WHEREAS, he served in several leadership positions during his tenure with *The Atlanta*
10 *Journal* before he was named editorial page editor for the newspaper in January, 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, a dedicated and talented journalist, Mr. Wooten was appointed associate
12 editorial page editor for the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* upon the *Atlanta Constitution* and
13 *The Atlanta Journal's* merger in 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wooten served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
15 Georgia Army National Guard for over 20 years and valiantly and bravely served in the
16 Vietnam War; and

17 WHEREAS, devoted to uplifting the field of journalism, Mr. Wooten is past president of the
18 Georgia Press Association and is a trustee of the Georgia Press Education Foundation; and

19 WHEREAS, during his prestigious career, Mr. Wooten has received wide acclaim and
20 numerous honors, including the 1996 Outstanding Alumnus award by the University of
21 Georgia's College of Journalism and Mass Communications, a 100 Most Influential Georgian

22 by *Georgia Trend* magazine, and recognition as among Georgia's most influential by *James*
23 magazine; and

24 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his keen sense of vision,
25 and his incredible views and grasp of politics and government have earned him the respect
26 and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend Mr. Jim Wooten for his years of outstanding editorials
31 and his devotion to the print news industry.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Jim Wooten.